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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mixed, but at least steady to instances firm in the Midwest. Retail demand was light to fair with few features present to aid interest. Food service was light to moderate, good for fast food and catering services. Supplies of light weights were in good balance to tight, and heavier sizes were adequate to fully sufficient. In the parts structure, trading was light to moderate but expected to improve due to upcoming July 4th holiday. Breast items were balanced to tight, wings were readily available, and dark meat was at least adequate and in the longest position. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy, mostly desirable weights.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .50 cents to 80.25 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 66.50 cents last year on June 25, 2003.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	258.00
BREASTS - B/S	263.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	140.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	121.50
LEG QUARTERS	35.50
WINGS	119.50

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was at least steady. Retail demand was light to fair; food service was fair to moderate, best for fast food promotions. Supplies were in good balance to close for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was fair. Breast items no more than adequate and moving well. Wings were readily available, and dark meat was adequate to ample with limited interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was noted as fair at best during midweek trading. Offerings of the 2.5 to 3 pound birds remained in the best balance. The larger sizes were sufficient. The market tone was at least steady. In the parts complex, breast items ranged adequate to balanced. Thighs and b/s thighs were available at discounted levels and The remainder of dark meat cuts were at least adequate. Wings were adequate.

MIDWEST The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady to occasionally firm. Offerings were limited on smaller weight product, otherwise adequate for light buyer interest. Retail and food service demand was mostly light to fair; moderate to instances good for catering and some fast food outlets. Floor stocks continued in a full range. Weights were desirable. Deliveries continue to be affected by trucking issues. Parts offerings were for the most part adequate for the hand to mouth buyer needs. Leg quarters remain fully sufficient, wings mixed with breast items in close balance to tight. The market tone was steady to firm on whole and boneless/skinless breasts, cautiously steady to weak on dark meat lines, with wings mostly steady.

WESTERN The market tone was fully steady. Offerings were adequate for trade needs. Buying activity was moderate overall. Retailer demand fairly good with best interest noted where features were in progress. Floor in good balance.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES WEEK ENDING 06/19/04	2004	2003	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	214,250	207,133	+03
CHICKS PLACED	174,930	172,611	+01

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 3 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 19, 2004. This was up 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

CHICKS PLACED UP 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 19, 2004. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through June 19, 2004 were 4.29 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 31-Jul-04 is estimated at 162.6 million head. This compares to 163.4 million head the previous week and to 162.7 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 161.2 million head and the composite weighted average price was 62.34 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JUNE 23, 2004

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

POUNDS					POUNDS				
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	872	245.00-332.00	249-252	251.15	BREAST - B/S	952	244.00-332.00	247-250	249.11
TENDERLOINS	238	220.00-280.00	220-225	228.95	TENDERLOINS	178	220.00-280.00	220-225	231.68
BREAST - LINE RUN	99	135.00-141.00	137-139	138.19	BREAST - LINE RUN	100	135.00-142.00	136-139	138.30
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	66	42.00-58.00	42-45	44.02	LEGS	44	42.00-58.00	43-45	45.00
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	949	27.00-32.00	28-29	29.18	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	549	24.00-32.00	28-29	28.07
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	532	30.00-37.00	30-32	31.20	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	891	26.00-37.00	30-32	30.18
WINGS (WHOLE)	303	93.00-98.00	95-98	95.44	WINGS (WHOLE)	303	93.00-108.00	94-99	97.69
WINGS (CUT)	463	114.00-119.00	115-119	117.22	WINGS (CUT)	683	109.00-119.00	115-119	116.60
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
73.50 - 82.00	77.93	72.50- 83.00	79.04	78.07

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was light and unaggressive during midweek trading, however, dealers were anticipating seasonal demand to develop as buyers assess needs approaching the holiday. Offerings of breast items ranged balanced to adequate. Dark meat items were at least sufficient with thighs and b/s thighs noted as readily available. Wings were adequate to available. Retail and distributive draw was only fair at best. The market tone was steady on breast items, about steady on wings, and barely steady to weak on dark meat cuts.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT

JUNE 22, 2004				JUNE 23, 2004			
QUANTITIES	CURRENT NEG	WTD		QUANTITIES	CURRENT NEG	WTD	
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	250-255	251.80	572,622	BREAST - B/S	250-255	251.54	562,161
TENDERLOINS	225	216.92	84,965	TENDERLOINS	225	218.97	130,720
BREAST - WITH RIBS	135-136	142.36	125,640	BREAST - WITH RIBS	135-136	142.07	110,060
BREAST - LINE RUN	135	136.91	122,840	BREAST - LINE RUN	135	137.06	166,280
LEGS	51-52	48.79	276,281	LEGS	51-52	47.47	205,199
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	33-34	34.33	403,911	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	33-34	34.40	262,838
DRUMSTICKS	42-43	47.57	117,060	DRUMSTICKS	42-43	48.27	112,944
THIGHS	42-43	49.82	94,960	THIGHS	41-42	49.89	73,426
B/S THIGHS	114-115	111.45	105,600	B/S THIGHS	112-113	114.30	91,480
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	109.39	114,600	WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	104.19	154,040
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.08	24,720	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.74	41,200
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	32.89	17,850	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	32.49	10,840
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	57.69	19,640	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	58.78	21,200

 INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL		AVG WTS	
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
ALA	4,006	3,973	3,862	4,714	5.22	5.13	3,806	5.29		
ARK	5,501	5,557	5,303	6,928	5.15	5.03	4,279	5.11		
DELMARVA	2,215	2,174	2,240	2,078	5.60	5.52	2,194	5.67		
KY-LA-TN	2,047	2,059	2,040	2,110	5.01	4.54	2,033	5.06		
MISS	3,066	3,087	3,030	3,194	5.43	5.19	3,041	5.36		
NC	2,451	2,464	2,445	2,978	6.29	6.34	2,252	6.41		
TEXAS	2,432	2,396	2,534	2,401	5.20	5.02	2,494	5.15		
TOTAL	21,718	21,710	21,454	24,403	5.37	5.23	20,099	5.38		
MON-WED 65,359(A)							63,075 (A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 23-Jun-04 is estimated to be 32,493,000 head up 7.73 percent from a week ago and up 4.14 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,161,000, last year 31,200,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS		97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP		95-107
HENS UNDER 5#		-
HENS OVER 5#		71-81
DUCKS		-
RABBITS-WHOLE		-
RABBITS-CUT UP		-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS		
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	109
	DRY PACK	116
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	108
	DRY PACK	110
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	93
	DRY PACK	95
DUCKS		162-185

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 26-JUNE-04

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	06/26/04 (1)	06/19/04
THOUSAND HEAD		
BRO-FRY	174,174 (2)	161,518
LT HENS	1,549	1,552
HVY HENS	1,512	1,512
CHECK TOTAL	177,235	164,582

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 26-Jun-04 is 164.3 million head compared to 167.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 174.5 million head or 10.2 million less than estimated available. For the week of 03-Jul-04 the estimated available is 164.2 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 06/21/04	186,918	56,005
AM 06/01/04	196,039	50,785
CHG	-9,121	5,220
PCT CHG	-5	10

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	06/21/04	06/14/04	06/23/03	06/21/04	06/14/04	06/23/03
PACIFIC						
COAST	9,221	9,121	15,422	4,567	4,490	6,913
LOS						
ANGELES	372	368	147	3,069	3,049	2,991

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF JUNE 21, 2004

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	RANGE
		68-72
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	70-79

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 06/22/04

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG				LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	3.00	9.50	-
BROILERS lb.	-	1.00	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.60	1.20	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	3.75	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	1.00	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	5.00	5.75	-
RABBITS lb.	.90	1.75	1.07	RABBITS ea.	1.75	2.25	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.00	3.00	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	3.25	4.25	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS 51							

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending June 18, 2004

	<u>Whole Chickens</u>	<u>Breasts</u>	<u>Legs W/ Thighs</u>	<u>Necks, Backs & Wings</u>	<u>Livers/ Gizzards</u>	<u>Hens</u>
RAYON						
Low	61.33	120.25	72.15	12.02	12.02	42.09
High	63.29	128.26	80.16	16.03	16.03	42.09
Mostly	62.13	128.26	80.16	16.03	16.03	42.09

SAN JUAN

Low	61.33	120.25	72.15	12.02	12.02	40.08
High	62.93	128.26	80.16	16.03	16.03	40.08
Mostly	62.53	120.25	80.16	12.02	12.02	40.08

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	61.33	120.25	72.15	12.02	12.02	44.09
High	63.33	128.26	80.16	16.03	16.03	44.09
Mostly	62.53	128.26	80.16	12.02	12.02	44.09

BECERRA

Low	61.33	120.25	72.15	12.02	12.02	44.09
High	63.33	128.26	80.16	16.03	16.03	44.09
Mostly	62.53	128.26	80.16	16.03	16.03	44.09

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was mostly fair and about as expected for mid-week trading. Offering of 2.50 and 3 pound sizes were in good balance; heavier sizes were fully sufficient. Live supplies were moderate; weights varied but were mostly desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 82 to 96 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to at least steady. In the parts complex, breast items were clearing satisfactorily. Wings were at least adequate. Dark meat items were at least adequate to available with thighs and boneless thighs in the longest position.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

RANGE	BRANDED
	U.S. GRADE A
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	79-97
NO. OF BOXES	86.23
	6,742

*7 of 7 plants reporting.

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